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HAMPSTEAD HOCKEY CLUB

Dear

You will remember that earlier this year an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Hampstead Hockey Club was called to discuss the future of our Club.

The feeling at this meeting was that the Club should continue if this was a reasonable possibility.

It was reported that tentative approaches had been made to the Hampstead Cricket Club for the use of their club's ground and or some form of amalgamation and that these had not been repulsed.

The meeting appointed a sub-Committee consisting of Messrs. R.L.Milsted, J.S.Saunders, and J.O.Sankey, with absolute powers to act on their behalf and in accordance with their general sentiments and, in the case of the Hampstead C.C., to take steps to re-start the club in Hampstead if they considered a satisfactory agreement could be reached.

The meeting on being told that Hampstead H.O. still had funds amounting to approximately £85 felt that these should, in the first instance, be available for initial capital and other expenditure.

The 19 members who were present at the meeting undertook to pay £2.2.0d each for three years and, in addition one member offered to guarantee a bank overdraft if this became necessary.

Your committee are now pleased to report that negotiations with the Hampstead Cricket Club have been successful and the following has been agreed:-

1. That the Club shall play on the Cricket Club ground and shall, while retaining its identity, be treated administratively as a section of the Cricket Club with a large measure of autonomy, and with the proviso that until the Hockey Club is properly established the Cricket Club will not expect more than £40 per annum for the use of the ground.

2. If the experiment is successful after 3 years, then the balance of the funds of the Hockey Club shall be paid to the Cricket Club and the subscriptions of members of the Hockey Club shall be paid to the Cricket Club who will deal with the finances of running the hockey section.

It is thought that these arrangements are most satisfactory and much good will has been shown by the Cricket Club.

To those who do not know the Hampstead C.C., it can be said that we shall enjoy amenities better than those in almost any hockey club in London.